

Viburnum trilobum

Highbush Cranberry



An extremely handsome native alternative to the European cranberry bush (*V. opulus*). Flower clusters in May or June are large, white and showy. Brilliant red, edible fruit in hanging clusters in September, persisting after the leaves drop, eaten by birds in late winter. Shining, three-lobed leaves change from green to yellow to reddish-purple in the fall. Fast-growing; transplants easily.

Suggested companions: red-osier dogwood (*Cornus stolonifera*), elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*), arrowwood (*Viburnum dentatum*), swamp goldenrod (*Solidago patula*)

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Plant Type: Shrub

Size: 6-12' H
6-12' W

Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Habitat:

Woodland Margin
Shrubby Wetland
Wet Meadow
Riverbanks

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Rich Moist
Very Damp/Wet

Exposure: sun
filtered
shade

Flower Color:
White

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Bloom Time:
May
June

Other Attributes:

Bird attracting
Wildlife attracting
Fall color
Winter interest
Edible fruit
Butterfly attracting